

Birdy Bytes

Newsletter for the High Desert Bird Club of New Mexico



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June 2025

Upcoming Events

June 22nd – General Meeting

Birdie Bingo!

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Parrot Pantry

2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110

July – General Meeting TBD

Sunday, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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Bird Words

Greetings Everyone,

Summer is here and time for a fun break with Birdy Bingo.

In July, we'll also participate in the annual Environmental Fair hosted by the Pueblo of Isleta. See page 3 for more details.

The warmer weather months are also the season for escaped, lost and found pet birds. BOAF regularly receives calls about lost birds. The lucky ones are found and the even luckier ones are returned to their people.

Never assume your bird won't fly. Something or someone could frighten it, or a gust of wind catches its wings, and your bird could quickly be airborne and travelling fast.

Some small birds like cockatiels and conures are strong fliers and can fly even if their flight feathers are trimmed. Always be mindful of possible access and escape routes to the great outdoors for your bird.

What's that saying? An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Stay safe, stay cool, and see you at the Birdy Bingo.

Jennifer Catron
Editor



Kimo, Umbrella Cockatoo
BOAF Foster Bird

Bird Club Biz

High Desert Bird Club of NM
www.HighDesertBirdClub.org

Bird Rescue Hotline: (505) 554-0804

General Meetings

Monthly, Usually on a Sunday

Meeting time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location:

Birds of a Feather Parrot Pantry
2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Club Officers

President: Dorothy Newbill
Vice President: Susan Carolus
Secretary: Sparky Newell
Treasurer: Carolyn Newell

Committee Chairpersons

Social Media/Publicity: Victoria Collier
Bird Rescue: Jennifer Catron
Education: Dorothy Newbill
Fundraising: Available
Hospitality: Available
Membership: Available
Newsletter: Jennifer Catron
Raffle: Available
Website: Jennifer Catron

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (stmt 4/30/25)	\$1,301.26
Revenue	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending balance (stmt 5/31/25)	\$1,301.26

**The High Desert Bird Club of NM is a
501(c)(3) educational, public charity
recognized by the IRS.**

Membership Requirements

Any person interested in cage birds who agrees to support the objectives in the HDBC By-Laws is eligible for membership.

Membership Dues

\$20.00 Individual
\$30.00 Household
\$15.00 Junior (17 or younger)
\$15.00 Senior (60 or older)
\$25.00 Senior Household

Dues are payable in January of each year or at a quarterly pro-rated amount upon joining the Club.

Newsletter Policy

Birdy Bytes is generally issued on a monthly basis. Content from members is encouraged. Content deemed obscene, inflammatory, overtly personal, copyrighted without permission to republish, or insufficiently bird-related may not be published at the discretion of the newsletter Editor.

Newsletter Advertising Policy

Any individual or business that supports HDBC through the donation of money, goods, or services may have a near business-card sized ad published in the newsletter for three months for no cost.

Members may have a text ad of up to 50 words and a reasonable number of supporting photos for no cost. Ads run for two months and may be renewed for two-month increments. Members are responsible for contacting the newsletter Editor to renew their ad.

Advertising space may be purchased. A half-page ad costs \$25 for six months. Additional ad sizes and corresponding rates are available.

Newsletter Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement based on the appropriateness for *Birdy Bytes*.

To submit content for *Birdy Bytes*, contact Jennifer Catron, Editor, at jrcatron@aol.com, or (505) 235-2803.

Thank you.



General Meeting

June 22, 2025 - Birdy Bingo!

Our June meeting event is Birdy Bingo! Birdy Bingo is just like regular bingo except all the prizes are bird related. Winners will get to pick their prize from the HDBC prize bin.



Bingo cards are six cards per sheet, and six sheets per pack. Each pack is \$5.00. Bingo dabbers will be provided.

It's great fun for both people and birds. Buy some cards, play some bingo, shout BINGO! when you win.

Members, guests, and birds are always welcome. Tell a friend.

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Parrot Pantry

**2325 San Pedro Dr NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

Meeting Minutes

May meeting was cancelled due to numerous scheduling conflicts. No meeting, no minutes.

Hospitality Table

Do you like snacks? Do you like to share? HDBC invites you to share some snacks at each monthly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks when they can. We're very informal about who brings what and when. Donations are always welcome.



Thank you for your contribution and support.

HDBC Hotline

Several calls were received all regarding feral pigeons. Advised callers to offer the birds some water and possibly food. Gave out the phone numbers of wild bird rescues. Typically, pigeons are not given priority; wild bird rescues may not respond to the caller.



Community Outreach

Once again, the Pueblo of Isleta has invited us back to participate in their annual Environmental Fair.

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Isleta Recreation Center

This is an indoor venue and they offer us lunch. It's great fun and a family-oriented event. If you'd like to volunteer to help staff any of our tables, please email Jennifer Catron at jrcatron@aol.com.

HDBC, Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue, and Jerry Tuttle's Zoo Crew will each have a table with information and some birdie ambassadors to answer questions people may have about the bird club, parrot rescue, or pet birds in general.

BOAF Fundraisers

Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM (BOAF) have the following fund-raising event scheduled.

June 21, 2025; 3PM – 7PM

Birds of a Feather Drink Beer Together

Bridges on Tramway
12501 Candelaria Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Please go to the BOAF [Facebook](#) page for event details and more information.

Bird Rescue, Foster, and Adoption



A variety of birds are available for adoption at Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico (BFPR). HDBC is partnering with BFPR to help with receiving, fostering and rehoming pet birds.

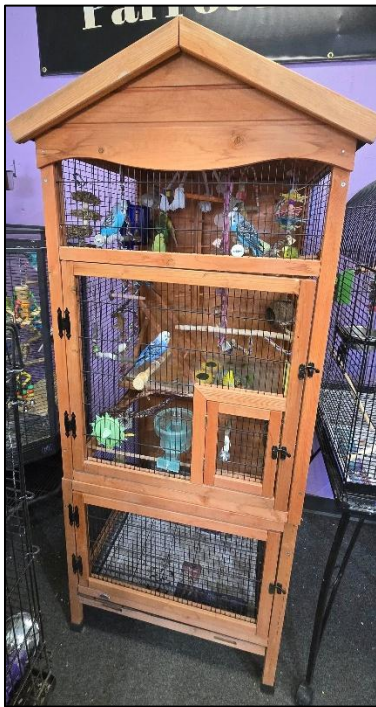
A wide variety of birds continue to be received in addition to birds still awaiting to be adopted. All kinds of parrots from little budgies to macaws are looking for new, kind and loving homes.

If you are interested in adopting, fostering, or volunteering, please complete an application posted on their website at:

<https://www.birdsofafeathernm.org/>

You can also follow them on their Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/birdsofafeathernm/> for current events and activities at the rescue.



But Wait, EVEN MORE budgies are available for adoption.

Parrot Pantry

Parrot Pantry is the place to go for all your parrot supplies.



A wide variety of parrot food, toys, perches, stands, cages, and accessories are available for sale.

No birds are sold at the Parrot Pantry.



Parrot Pantry is part of Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of New Mexico. The current bird surrender and adoption process will continue under the rescue.

Check out Parrot Pantry with new Sunday hours.

Store Hours:

**Monday – Saturday 10AM – 6PM
Sunday 11 AM – 3 PM**

Location:

**2325 San Pedro Drive NE, Ste 11
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 584-1803 (Store Phone)**

If you are not already following, check out the Facebook pages for Birds of the Feather Parrot Rescue and Parrot Pantry. Follow these pages for the latest information for both the rescue and store.

[Facebook - Birds of a Feather Parrot Rescue of NM](#)

[Facebook - Birds Of A Feather "Parrot Talk"](#)

[Facebook - BOAF Parrot Pantry](#)

Facebook Fun



Pet Bird BINGO

Spent too much on toys	Baby bird(s) hatched at your house	Rescued / adopted a bird	Bought awesome toy your bird ignored	Bitten hard enough to bleed
Made your own bird toys	Had a dream about your bird	Upgraded your bird's cage	Screaming bird interrupted a work call	Shared your food with your bird
Avian vet bill larger than your rent or mortgage payment	Bird chewed your house or furniture	FREE	Bird has own social media channel or group	Started with one bird, now you have a flock
Declined social plans to hang with your bird	Worn bird-themed clothing		Talked too much about your birds to a non-bird person	Gone shopping for bird food, brought home a bird
Used the word "parront" or "fid"	Emergency vet visit	Hen laid eggs	Left the house with poop on your clothes	Entered your bird in a pet photo contest



Bird Toy Sale

If you missed the Creations by JT Bird Toys sale in April, the next sale is already scheduled for September. Mark your calendars!

All the toys and perches are high quality, locally sourced, and made in the USA. Prices are affordable, and Tina always has something new to keep our birds engaged.

Date: September 20, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Inez Park
2027 Wisconsin St NE
Albuquerque, NM

Special-sized manzanita perches or toys may be custom ordered. Reach out to Tina with your request.

Tina McClendon, (623) 341-3375
Email: CreationsJT@aol.com

Classified Ads

Pet Sitting

Sparky and Carolyn Newell, Officers of High Desert Bird Club of NM, and owners of Exotics of the Rainforest, LLC, will pet sit for one bird in our home while you are away for business or pleasure. Forty-three years of experience caring for parrots from Conures to Macaws! We have ten parrots of our own, five Macaws, three Amazons, and two Conures. Located in Albuquerque, NM. Reasonable rates. Call (505) 220-4737.

HDBC Anniversary



Happy 17th Anniversary HDBC!

Friends of HDBC



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